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*Stockholm, January* 18.

THE Weather being tempeſtuous and open, it is now ſaid the King has laid aſide his intended Journey. His Majeſty began laſt Week to ſit in Perſon at the Treaſury; and deſigns for the future to preſide once a Week, both there, and in the Council of State where all Matters are debated and Orders iſſued relating to the Defence of the Kingdom. By the Advices from Carliſcroon we learn, that ſo many Ships are lately arrived at that Port laden with Proviſions of all Kinds from Dantzick, Lubeck, and other Places, that 'tis reckoned there are already Stores ſufficient laid in to Victual our whole Fleet for all the enſuing Campaign. Laſt Friday Night a Marine Captain, named Baſſewitz, killed a Merchant here, and endeavoured to make his Eſcape into Norway; but was overtaken on the Road, and brought back hither To-Day, in order to be tried.

*Hague, Feb.* 7. The States ſeem very earneſt for fitting out this Year eight or ten Men of War, to act in the Mediterranean againſt the Algerines and other Corſairs of Barbary. The City of Amſterdam offers to advance the Money neceſſary for equipping thoſe Ships, and Vice-Admiral Somerdyck of that City, offers his Service for the Command of that Squadron. It is probable this Affair will be ſettled at the Meeting of the States of Holland on the 12th Inſtant, when the Admiralties are ordered to be here, as well to be conſulted upon this, as upon the farming of the Cuſtoms. Count Morville having written laſt Poſt from Paris, that he and M. St. Conteſt deſigned to ſet out for Cambray the 15th Inſtant, Count Windiſchgratz has reſolved upon this Notice, and on Advice from M. Penterrieder to the ſame Purpoſe, to ſet out from this Place on the 12th Inſtant for Bruſſels, and after a few Days Stay there to proceed to Cambray. Count Tarouca has not yet fixed the Time of his Departure for Cambray: He has cauſed a very ſpacious Houſe of Wood to be built, propoſing to reſide more commodiouſly in it than in any other he could get hired there; which Houſe having been entirely framed here, the Materials are laid ready to be carried to Cambray, there to be ſet up in a Square which he has obtained for that Purpoſe.

*Paris, Feb.* 8. By an Arrêt of the Council publiſhed Yeſterday, thirty four Commiſſioners are eſtabliſhed to examine all the Annuities, Actions, Bank-Notes, and other Paper Effects, purſuant to the late Arrêt of the 26th paſt; in which neverthelefs ſome Alterations are expected to be made in the next Council of Regency. The Duke of Bourbon and M. d'Armenonville are ſaid to have been ſolliciting theſe ſeveral Days, that the Proteſtation of the India Company againſt the late Arrêt of the 26th paſt, which declares the ſaid Company indebted to the King for the Bank Notes, may be accepted; and this Matter will probably be diſcuſſed in the Council which is to be held To-Morrow. M. de Pelletier de Souze having reſigned his Place in the Council of Regency by Reaſon of his great Age, the King has been pleaſed to appoint in his Room his Son M. Pelletier des Forts. The Duke of Briſſac was received on the 6th Inſtant in the Parliament with the uſual Ceremonies, at which aſſiſted the Duke of Bourbon and the Prince of Conty, the latter having a very numerous Retinue. We have Advice, that the Turkiſh Ambaſſadour Mehemet Effendi imbarked at Bezieres upon the Canal of Languedoc for Toulouſe, whence he is to proceed to Bourdeaux, where he will make ſome Stay, and then be conducted hither in the King's Coaches by the Way of Orleans, where the Chevalier de Chamilly is to receive him. The Regiments of French and Swiſs Guards have received Orders to hold themſelves ready to be reviewed by the King; they are to be drawn up at the Turkiſh Ambaſſadour's Entry, as likewiſe a Detachment of Horſe of the King's Houſhold Troops. 'Tis ſaid the Port of Marſeilles will be opened again on the 20th of next Month, that City being now free from the Plague; but that nevertheleſs ſuch Ships as come from thence into other Ports of France, will be obliged to perform double Quarentain. The Mortality ſtill continues at Aix with great Violence. The Count de Maurepas Secretary of State, and Son to the Count Pontchartrain, is ill of the Small-Pox, which Diſtemper rages very much in this City. The King does not yet ſtir out of his Bed Chamber by Reaſon of his Cold, which continues upon him ſtill. *Te Deum* will be ſung this Afternoon at the Convent of the Fathers *de l'Oratoire*, for the Recovery of the Dutcheſs Dowager of Orleans.

Admiralty-Office, Jan. 31, 1720.

*The Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners of the Admiralty do hereby ſignify their Directions, that the Men belonging to His Majeſty's Ships at Chatham, Sheerneſs, Woolwith, and Deptford, who have had Leave to be abſent for ſix Weeks, do forthwith repair to their Duty on Board their reſpective Ships, on pain of forfeiting the Wages due to them, and being puniſhed as Deſerters.*